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1. THE FOLLOWING SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE TO REFTEL REGARDING
ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1978 CENTO MINISTERIAL MEETING HAS BEEN
RECEIVED FROM THE CENTO SECRETARIAT: BEGIN QUOTE

A. FILMING OF THE OPENING SESSION: WE REGRET THAT CENTO
HAS NO FUNDS WITH WHICH TO PAY FOR A FILM OF THE OPENING
SESSION, SO IT SEEMS THAT THIS IDEA WILL HAVE TO BE
ABANDONED. WE ASSUME, HOWEVER, THAT IF LOCAL TV STATIONS
WISH TO FILM THE WHOLE, OR PART, OF THE PROCEEDINGS, THE
STATE DEPARTMENT WILL ALLOW THEM APPROPRIATE FACILITIES.

B. PHOTOGRAPHIC DISPLAY: WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE
ASSISTANCE OFFERED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR THE
ARRANGEMENT OF A PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION. MR. ORAL AKGUN,
DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL (PUBLIC RELATIONS), WROTE TO THE
EMBASSY ASKING WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO SEND PHOTOGRAPHS
FOR THIS EXHIBITION, TOGETHER WITH SOME CENTO PUBLICATIONS TO
WASHINGTON. ALTERNATIVELY, THE PHOTOGRAPHS COULD BE CARRIED
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TO WASHINGTON, BY THE ADVANCE PARTY ARRIVING THERE ON APRIL
12. (NOTE: EMBASSY PLANS TO ASK CENTO TO USE ADVANCE
PARTY FOR THIS PURPOSE.)

C. RECORDS OF CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS: WE ARE GRATEFUL
FOR THE OFFER TO RECORD ON TAPE THE OPENING AND PLENARY SESSIONS.
IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO TAPE THE RESTRICTED
SESSION, NOR THE SESSIONS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND OF

THE FINAL COMMUNIQUE DRAFTING COMMITTEE. RECORDS OF THE OPENING AND PLENARY SESSIONS ARE USUALLY FAIRLY FULL, BUT ARE NOT STRAIGHT VERBATIM RECORDS. PROVIDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE SECRETARIES ARE FAST STENOGRAPHERS, I.E., ONE HUNDRED WORDS PER MINUTE OR FASTER, THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM ON THIS SCORE. THE MOST CONVENIENT PAPER SIZE FOR THE RECORDS REPRODUCED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE PRINTING SHOP WOULD BE 8"X10-1/2".

D. SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION: FROM THE INDICATIONS WE HAVE RECEIVED, IT APPEARS THAT ALL MINISTERS WHO WILL BE ATTENDING THE MEETING WILL SPEAK IN ENGLISH. THERE SHOULD, THEREFORE, BE NO NEED FOR SIMULTANEOUS INTERPRETATION INTO FRENCH.

E. LOANED PERSONNEL: THE ALLOCATION OF SECRETARIES DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH SEVENTEEN OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM WOULD SEEM SATISFACTORY, EXCEPT THAT WE THINK IT MIGHT BE ADVISABLE TO ALLOW FOR TWO, RATHER THAN ONE, SECRETARIES ON THE 1300 TO 2100 SHIFT. WE WOULD EXPECT TWO SECRETARIES TO SIT IN AT THE SAME TIME DURING A SESSION, SO THAT THEY CAN CHECK EACH OTHER'S RECORDS; EACH PAIR OF SECRETARIES WOULD BE RELIEVED AT, SAY, HALF-HOURLY INTERVALS BY ANOTHER PAIR, SO THAT THE FIRST PAIR CAN START TYPING UP WHILE THE MEETING STILL CONTINUES. IN ORDER TO KEEP THIS SCHEDULE GOING, A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF SECRETARIES WILL BE NEEDED, AND IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT I ASK FOR ONE MORE ON THE AFTERNOON SHIFT.

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WE WOULD EXPECT THE SECRETARIAT TO OPEN DURING NORMAL OFFICE HOURS, E.G. 0900-1700, ON MONDAY, APRIL 17, PREPARING LAST MINUTE DOCUMENTATION FOR THE CONFERENCE. ON APRIL 18, 19 AND 20, THE SECRETARIAT WOULD OPEN AT 0800, AND WE WOULD EXPECT IT TO CONTINUE WORKING UNTIL ALL THE BUSINESS OF THAT DAY HAS BEEN DISPOSED OF. ON APRIL 18, WHEN THERE IS ONLY THE MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE IN THE MORNING, WE WOULD EXPECT TO FINISH THE BUSINESS BY 1700. ON APRIL 19 AND 20, IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO WORK UP TO MIDNIGHT, IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE RECORDS OF MEETINGS HELD ON THOSE DAYS. THE SECRETARIAT WOULD ALSO NEED ACCESS TO THE CONFERENCE AREA ON APRIL 21, IN ORDER TO DO ANY FINAL WORK AND TO PICK UP.

F. PRESS ARRANGEMENTS: THE PRESS ARRANGEMENTS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH NINETEEN AND TWENTY OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM SEEM VERY SATISFACTORY, AND WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL FOR THEM. MEMBER GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN ASKED BY SECRETARIAT NOTICE NO. C/25/N2 TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE SECRETARIAT OF THE NAMES OF ANY PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WHO ARE KNOWN TO BE TRAVELING TO WASHINGTON FROM CENTO MEMBER COUNTRIES.

G. HOTEL ACCOMMODATION: WE HAVE BEEN RECONSIDERING THE COMPOSITION, AND DATES OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE, OF THE ADVANCE AND MAIN PARTY OF THE SECRETARIAT DELEGATION, AND

SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD ASK FOR THE FOLLOWING
MODIFICATIONS IN THE RESERVATIONS ALREADY MADE AT THE WATERGATE
HOTEL. THE RESERVATIONS SHOULD NOW READ:

(A) FOUR ORDINARY HOTEL ROOMS FOR THE ADVANCE PARTY,
ARRIVING IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 12 AND LEAVING ON SATURDAY,
APRIL 22.

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(B) ONE SUITE AND TEN ORDINARY HOTEL ROOMS FOR THE
MAIN PARTY, ARRIVING IN WASHINGTON ON SATURDAY, APRIL 15, AND
LEAVING ON SATURDAY, APRIL 22.

WE HAVE NOT, OF COURSE, BEEN ABLE TO CONSULT THE
SECRETARY GENERAL AS TO HIS DESIRES, BUT WILL DO SO AS SOON
AS HE IS APPOINTED; IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE MAY WISH TO ARRIVE
IN WASHINGTON A FEW DAYS BEFORE APRIL 15, OR PERHAPS STAY FOR
A FEW DAYS AFTER THE CONFERENCE, SO THAT HE CAN HAVE FURTHER
CONSULTATIONS WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER PERSONS
IN WASHINGTON. ANY SUCH CHANGE WILL BE ADVISED AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE. THE OTHER POINT CONCERNS "ORDINARY HOTEL ROOMS";
IF POSSIBLE, WE SHOULD PREFER THESE, RATHER THAN THE PRESUMABLY
MORE EXPENSIVE ROOMS CONTAINING LIVING/DINING AREA AND
KITCHENETTE DESCRIBED IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.
WE SHALL ADVISE YOU OF THE ACTUAL NAMES OF THE SECRETARIAT
DELEGATION, AND EXACT TIMES OF ARRIVAL, LATER. THERE WILL
BE A FINANCE OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE WHO WILL COORDINATE ALL
HOTEL ASSIGNMENTS.

H. SECRETARY GENERAL'S RECEPTION: ON RECONSIDERATION,
WE HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IT MIGHT BE BEST TO HOLD
THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S RECEPTION ON THE EVENING OF WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 19, SO AS TO PRECLUDE ANY DIFFICULTY ARISING FROM SOME

DELEGATIONS PERHAPS NOT ARRIVING UNTIL LATE ON APRIL 18 OR
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EARLY APRIL 19. WE SHOULD THEREFORE, BE GRATEFUL IF YOU
WOULD INQUIRE WHETHER THE KENNEDY CENTER MIGHT BE AVAILABLE
ON THE EVENING OF APRIL 19, OR WHAT ALTERNATIVE SITES ARE
AVAILABLE. (NOTE: EMBASSY IS PASSING SUBSTANCE OF STATE 68014
ADVISING CENTO OF POSSIBLE SITES FOR RECEPTION IF KENNEDY
CENTER NOT AVAILABLE.)

I. NATIONAL DELEGATIONS: MEMBER GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN
REQUESTED BY SECRETARIAT NOTICE NO. C/25/N2 TO NOTIFY THE
SECRETARIAT AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, OF
THE NAMES OF THE HEADS OF DELEGATIONS TOGETHER WITH A COMPLETE
LIST OF DELEGATES (AND WHETHER ACCOMPANIED BY WIVES). THEY
HAVE ALSO, BEEN ASKED TO ADVISE THE TRAVEL PLANS OF THE
DELEGATIONS. END QUOTE

2. ADDITIONALLY, CENTO SECRETARIAT HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING
REQUEST REGARDING THE RECEPTION WHICH SECRETARY GENERAL WISHES
TO HOST (ATTENTION: MR. KENNETH L. BROWN, PUBLIC RELATIONS
LIAISON OFFICER FOR THE 25TH CENTO MINISTERIAL COUNCIL MEETING):
PLEASE PROVIDE A LIST FOR TWO HUNDRED PERSONS INCLUDING
WIVES, COVERING STATE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, NEWS MEDIA, SCHOLARLY
INSTITUTIONS AND ALSO CENTO COUNTRIES' EMBASSIES' DIPLOMATS.
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